being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Vacant post of Deputy Advisor (UNANI) in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

1354. SHRl SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will ihe Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

ia) whither it is a fact that the post of Deputy Advisor (Unani) is lying vacant in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the last so many years; if so, since whe.fi:

(b) what are the reasons for keeping this POM vacant for such a long period; and

hen it is likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA PARDE): (a) to (c) The post of Deputy Advise$_r$ (Unani) in thi$_s$ Ministry is vacant since 25-2-1985. The post has not been fill".] up so fa^T' as initially the Re-cruitmen^f Rules were to be amended. Afte- <!<1ment of the Recruitment mitter was taken up with the Union P' Mic ervice Commission as the uired to be filled up by direct The post was reserved for Scheduler' Tribe candidate. Since no person ble from this category fresh ition was sent and the post was advertised bv the Commission on 12-11-1988. 'mendations of the Commission

Lack of fnnds for health Scheme,

1355. DR. R. K. PODDAR:
SHRT MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM;

Will the Ministe,- of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item on lack of funds for health schemes which appeared in the Times of Indi$_a$ dated ,the 2nd February, 1989;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether some remedial measures will be take$_n$ to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHA-PARDE): (a) to (c) The news item has been seen by the Government. The Government is alrady seized of the problem. Recommendations of the Conference of th$_e$ Central Council of Health and Family Welfare held 1—3 February, 1989 have been forwarded to the Planning Commission for consideration depending on their feasibility and availability of resources.

Privatisation of Defence Production by contacting foreign firms

1356. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN: SHRI M. A. BABY;

Wil! the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are planning privatisation of defence Production by contacting foreign firms; and

(b) if so, the areas of manufacture already handed over to private agencies through foreign firms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRl CHIN-TAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b)

With regard to indigenou$_s$ pioduct'ion of Defence stores, the policy adopted by the Government is one of optimum utilisation of the capacity available in the country, be that in the Defence Secto$_r$ or Civil Sector including the Private Sector. Pursuant to this policy. $_a$ number of low-technology items have been off-loaded from the defence production units to the civil sector including the private sector. In addition whenever new weapon systems, ammunition,; or other ecroipment are being